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40 SAVED FROM BURNING VESSEL

Steamer Fred Swain Burned to Water's Edge.

MANY THRILLING RESCUES

Fire Broke Out in Stateroom and All Efforts to Subdue Flames Were Futile—Burned Boat Was One of the Finest Packets Plying Illinois River.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 21.—The steamer Fred Swain, Captain Verne Swain, of the Peoria & LaSalle Packet company, with twenty-five passengers and fifteen sailors aboard, burned to the water after the flaming craft had been piloted into four feet of water and the occupants had escaped to the bank of the Illinois river, up which the steamer was bound when it caught fire.

No lives were lost, but Joseph Caselder, the engineer, was burned about the face and body, and Charles Reicheberger, of Peoria, suffered a broken arm. The loss is \$15,000. Several of the passengers lost their belongings.

The escapees from the burning vessel of the passengers, most of whom were women and children, was exciting, and at one time when flames were discovered issuing from a stateroom on the second deck, panic reigned. Fears were partly calmed as the burning steamer drew nearer shore, and scores of rowboats were seen hurrying to get out to the rescue.

The gangplank was lowered to the water's edge when the steamer had been beached, and one rowboat after another took off a load of passengers and sailors. After two boats had loaded and started for shore, the gangplank caught fire and fell away from the steamer, letting fifteen persons, including several women and children, into the water. Tom Powers, of Peoria, and E. A. Caron, of Worcester, Mass., who were on the plank when it fell, each saved the lives of two children, half carrying and half swimming with the tots on their backs and shoulders to land tree stumps to await the arrival of rescuers.

The others who were thrown into the water by the collapse of the gangplank were taken in boats to safety. These still aboard the steamer managed to let out a new gangway at a place farther from the flames, which were rapidly creeping over the boat.

The fire was discovered in a stateroom by Mrs. Eugene Furbush, a cabin girl. She spread the alarm, but all efforts to subdue the flames proved fruitless, the fire spreading rapidly. Captain Swain, realizing that the vessel was doomed, ordered Pilot Martin Huston to beach the boat and instructed his crew to deal out life preservers.

Futile efforts were made by the Peoria and Averbille fire departments to save the hull of the boat. The steamer Fred Swain was built at Clearwater, Wis., nine years ago, and was one of the finest packets plying the Illinois river.

WHITELAW REID BACK HOME

Refers All to Taft When Asked About London Stay.

New York, Aug. 21.—The Mauretania brought over a large number of prominent persons, including Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to the court of St. James. Mr. Reid said he had been detained in England by important official business. He said he would return to London Oct. 1.

"How long do you expect to remain there?" he was asked.

"You will have to ask President Taft," he replied with a smile. Mr. Reid will join his family in the Adirondacks and later report to President Taft.

Killed by Recoil of Gun.

Lafayette, Pa., Aug. 21.—An old army musket, which has hung for years, with other relics, in the attic of the home of the St. Vincent's archbishop priests, caused the death of Frank Schneider, a driver, employed at the place, when he was cleaning the weapon. A peculiar feature of the death of Schneider is the fact that the recoil of the weapon, not the bullet, killed him. Schneider found the rusty gun to be loaded, and turned the muzzle to the floor in an effort to explode the charge. He was successful, but the recoil of the gun drove the butt into his stomach, causing internal hemorrhage.

Woman Vanquishes Tramp.

Berwick, Pa., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Charles Solt, of this place, is not afraid of tramps. One went into her yard and proceeded to help himself to a number of articles from the back porch. When told to get out he became impudent. Mrs. Solt gave him a severe drubbing and then ran him off the premises.

Sugar Trust Gets More Time.

New York, Aug. 21.—Judge Holt, in the United States circuit court, extended to Aug. 27 the time for the American Sugar Refining company and its officers and directors to plead to the indictments found against them by the June federal grand jury for violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

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ORDER NEW LID FOR ATLANTIC

Crusade Leaders Against Sunday Selling Get State Aid.

REFORMERS ARE JUBILANT

Attorney General Wilson, of New Jersey, Will Call Upon Officials of the Seaside Resort to Enforce the Laws Against Liquor Selling on Sunday.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 21.—The support of the state of New Jersey was enlisted by the crusaders who have been striving to close up cafes and hotel bars and to prevent the holding of large hall games in Atlantic City on Sunday.

A delegation of the ministers called on State Attorney General Edmund Wilson and formally applied for a notification addressed to the officials of Atlantic county and city calling upon them to enforce the bishops' law against Sunday liquor selling and the law against the holding of sports and games on the Sabbath.

The ministers seemed jubilant as they left the office of the attorney general and said they had obtained the notification asked for. It is understood that it will be served on the proper officials as soon as it can be forwarded to Atlantic City.

The notification was issued under the provisions of chapter 173, of the state laws of 1908, which makes an officer who fails to do his duty liable to indictment for misdemeanor.

The notification directs the authorities to take immediate, proper and efficient steps by complaint and arrest to prevent the further continuance of the illegal sale of liquor and to bring the violators of the law to justice. Those who applied for the notification were:

The Rev. J. L. Surtees, of Atlantic City, secretary of the Lord's Day alliance; William B. Winter, of Atlantic City, president of the Good Citizens' league; S. M. Hann, of Camden, secretary of the Lord's Day alliance; and Charles E. Surtees, of Bridgeton, attorney for the Lord's Day alliance.

It is understood that the papers submitted to the attorney general contained not only the names of the Atlantic City hotels and saloons alleged to be guilty, but also the names of their proprietors. These names could not be learned. This action is a result of the visit by a delegation of Atlantic City ministers earlier in the week to Governor Felt. At that time it was given out that the governor had refused to act personally against the Atlantic City cafes, but had referred the ministers to the attorney general.

Cafe Men Say They'll Keep Open.

Atlantic City, Aug. 21.—When the Rev. Birney Hudson, president of the Lord's Day alliance, was told that the attorney general had ordered the hotels in Atlantic City, he expressed little surprise.

"That is what I have been expecting," he said. "I knew that the state authorities would take some step to put a stop to the lawlessness that exists here."

Saloonkeepers and hotelmen profess to be amused at the mandate of the attorney general. They declare that they have no fear that a stop will be put to their profitable Sunday business, and say that their places will be open on Sunday as usual.

WILLARD FAILS IN FLIGHT

Accident to Aeroplane, at Start Prevents Record Breaking.

Minneapolis, N. Y., Aug. 21.—C. Foster Willard's first attempt to win the trophy for the longest flight by an aeroplane, failed because of an accident to the frame work of his machine, the Golden Flyer. One of the supports of the rear horizontal rudder was broken in starting, and this prevented the vertical rudder from working. After flying in a semi-circle for nearly a mile, Willard was compelled to alight and postpone further attempts until next week.

Attell Defeats Percy Cove.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 21.—Monte Attell, of San Francisco, retained the bantamweight championship by defeating Percy Cove, of Seattle, in the tenth round of a scheduled twenty round bout. Attell made a chopping block of his opponent, and after the second had things his own way. Referee Ed Smith stopped the fight in the tenth.

Try to Lynch "Peeping Tom."

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 21.—Michael Linco, caught "peeping" in the ladies' room at a resort near here, was kicked and cuffed by an angry crowd, which wanted to lynch him. Police hurried him to jail.

Dies While in Religious Frenzy.

Abingdon, Md., Aug. 21.—At a colored camp meeting in this place, Asbury Harris colored, worked himself into such a religious frenzy that he dropped dead from over-exertion.

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SCRIBBLER'S STAFFORD ITEMS

Stafford C. H., Va., Aug. 20th. Mr. Herbert Collins and Mrs. Collins, Mr. W. W. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan are visiting the family of Clerk Bryan from their home in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Josephine L. Dunning, of Philadelphia; Mrs. A. M. Dunkle, and Mrs. Annie L. Bullock, of Washington, D. C., are visiting the family of Mr. Jos. K. Bryan.

A gentleman living near Crest, in this county, desiring to rest his pedal extremities, applied to another gentleman recently for a ride in his spring wagon. Consistent being given he seated himself on the edge of the tailboard, in the rear of the wagon. The horses starting suddenly down a slight decline of a hill, threw him out backwards, but he promptly hung on by the aid of his heels and fingernails, altho his back hit the ground, bumping along on the crossbars for some distance, the horses being stopped at last as they were about to enter a middle house, "asked back" and the loss of several finger-nails.

The Misses Woodard, of Baltimore, are visiting the family of Mr. Wm. Woodard.

The Misses Gantt, of Washington, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. M. E. MacGregor, at Concord.

Rev. W. R. Hardesty is conducting a protracted meeting at New Hope. His meeting at Antioch was a success.

Mr. Charles W. Schooner, who was a good soldier, a member of Co. 1, 4th Virginia Regiment, during the war, has applied to enter the Soldiers' Home at Richmond. He was twice wounded during the term of his service.

Mr. J. H. Humphrey, of Toluca, was a visitor at the Court House yesterday. Miss Beatrice Woodard, of Washington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Susan Woodard.

To show the crop conditions that have existed in this section this year, The Baker, colored, planted a crop of pickles about the 14th of July, almost time for pickles to be picked, and is now harvesting a fair crop from the vines.

Mr. Powerful Gallahan is still ploughing the "ragging main" of the "Powhatan" as cook on the staunch long boat, the "Beet," owned by Capt. Uriah Knight.

Mr. W. T. Payne, supervisor, paid the Clerk's office a visit from Brooke yesterday. He reports that village was infested with a few "Johns," and about train time innumerable "Demi-Johns."

Persons making cider should remember that if it contains more than six per cent. of alcohol, they cannot sell it without violation of the Byrd law. This is published for their information, so they can keep out of trouble.

Mr. Lawrence Fritter has just recovered from a severe cold, and is again on the war path with "Beck" to the front.

NOTES FROM BROCKROAD

Brockroad, Va., Aug. 18th, 1909. Mr. Carl E. Cox, of Fredericksburg, was in Spotsylvania Tuesday.

Recent rains. The protracted meetings begun at Wilderness Sunday, Aug. 15th, and continued until Wednesday, Aug. 18th. Mr. Perry returned home after a pleasant visit to her cousin, Miss Essie Kent, of Hicks' Store.

Miss Lesbie Perry, of Spotsylvania county, is a visitor at the home of Misses Amanda and Bessie Kennedy.

Mrs. Samuel Thomas and little daughter, Bertha Mary, will leave in a few days for New Jersey.

Miss Edie Dempsey, of Locust Grove, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lena Chevington.

Miss Ida Jennings and Miss Lucy Stevens went on the excursion to Idlewood Friday, Wednesday, Aug. 18th.

Miss Velma Johnson, of Shenandoah, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Johnson were guests at their mother Wednesday.

Mr. Eddie and Fred Perry of Spotsylvania, were in the Wilderness neighborhood Sunday.

Miss Delie Faulconer, of Fredericksburg, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Faulconer, of Brock Road.

KING GEORGE NOTES

King George C. H., Va., Aug. 20. Mr. Luther Miller was taken to the insane hospital at Staunton on the 20th by a guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stuart, of New York, are visiting his mother and their relatives in King George.

Mr. Walter Colton, owner of the town Stratford, in Texas, and one of the wealthiest citizens of that State, who has been visiting his relatives in the county, has returned.

Rev. Thomas P. Baker and Mrs. Baker, with their children, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker, near Shiloh.

Mrs. Allen Smith, Miss Rosalie E. Smith, Miss Sophia R. Taylor, Messrs. Geo. Ogle Taylor and Fred C. S. Hunter will leave Monday, the 22nd, to attend the wedding of Mr. Bladen T. Taylor and Miss Fanny Love at Reisterstown, Md.

The dinner at St. Paul's was a sumptuous one and greatly enjoyed, besides being a financial success.

Mrs. Hattie M. Fitzhugh, of Washington, has sold 50 acres of her Yellow Hill tract to David Campbell.

Mr. Thos. L. Hunter and Geo. Ogle Taylor have returned from Colonial Beach, where they were engaged in a law case.

SUES FOR FALSE ARREST

Chas. Dwyer, manager National Soldiers' Home farm near Hampton, filed suit in the circuit court against the Chamberlin Hotel, claiming \$5,000 damages for alleged false arrest.

Dwyer was arrested recently on complaint of Manager Adams on the charge of stealing silverware belonging to the hotel. It seems that Dwyer collected a considerable quantity of silverware from off that he secured from the Chamberlin. He was acquitted.

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BELIEVE SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Not Thought That Frank Covey Committed Suicide.

Since the first excitement has worn off in connection with the tragic death of J. Frank Covey, it is not believed that he committed suicide.

It is now thought that he was simply toying with the pistol when it discharged, the ball penetrating his forehead and causing his instant death. His friends say that it is known that he had a short time before been playing with some boys, and though it was snapped a number of times it would not then discharge.

It was at first reported that he and his sweetheart had quarrelled, but it is now stated that there was nothing concerning their relations to cause such an act and the friends of the young man say they can assign no other reason for such a rash deed. They are of the opinion, therefore, that the shooting was unpremeditated and entirely an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Covey, of Newport News, arrived here Wednesday night and they, as well as Mr. Slover E. Covey, a brother, have received expressions of the warmest sympathy from their many friends.

REV. DR. GEORGE H. RAY

Spotsylvania, Va., Aug. 20th, 1909.

The protracted meeting which was to have started at Shady Grove on last Sunday had to be postponed on account of sickness of the pastor, Dr. Geo. H. Ray. He was taken sick Sunday morning and announced his inability to conduct the meeting.

Mr. P. G. Finney took him to his home and on Monday morning he started at once, and reached his father, Monday, Aug. 23rd. After an early start Tuesday morning they reached your city in time for the 10 o'clock train for Ashland.

Dr. Ray is the oldest minister in active service in the Virginia Conference, and has been preaching over fifty years, for many years presiding elder and regarded as one of the ablest men in the conference. His many friends regret his serious condition, and the forced retirement, the influence of his well-spent life will still be felt throughout the many churches he has served as presiding elder and pastor.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

For Clerk-Carrier Will be Held Here September 11th.

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the postoffice in this city on September 11, 1909.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height, without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately Jas. T. Jones, Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post-office, Fredericksburg, Va.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The League of Virginia Municipalities will hold its annual meeting in Staunton Oct. 7 and 8.

Samuel C. Dailey died at his home, Fairfax county, aged 75 years. Survived by three brothers.

Capt. Joseph E. Willard, who is in Vienna, will sail for America on a ship of the French Line, Aug. 28.

Lynchburg proposes to issue for municipal improvements \$400,000 in bonds, and it will bring the bonded debt of the city up to \$2,513,100.

The contract for the government building in Winchester has been awarded to Leigh & Co., contractors, Louisa, Va., and work will begin at once.

J. H. McCue, of Virginia, has been appointed a clerk in the Bureau of Immigration by transfer from the War Department at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Malcolm A. Coles, formerly of Northumberland county, now of the Department of Justice, Washington, left July 29th on business in connection with important cases of that department at Bozeman, Mont., Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake and Denver. He will return to Washington October 10th.

The following committees were announced: Resolutions, Dr. W. M. Moss, Dr. C. H. Johnson, Prof. C. S. Bundy, Rev. L. A. Perkins, I. H. Carter, Jas. D. Johnson, Chas. M. Bland, Rev. G. O. Dixon, Rev. R. Graham, Education, Dr. G. W. Goode, Dr. J. E. Jones, Prof. W. B. Burt, Dr. J. H. Randolph, Rev. J. Andrew Bowler, Miss A. J. James, Dr. J. H. Johnston, Prof. W. E. Robinson.

FRIDAY MORNING. Vice-President Dr. C. H. Johnson, Bristol, in chair, convention opened by exercises conducted by T. H. Coles, I. H. Carter, Mrs. Emma J. R. Washington.

The report of union committee by Rev. J. H. Sampson, of Richmond, moved adoption, which provoked discussion by J. H. Sampson, L. A. Perkins, R. E. Clay, Rev. A. A. Lott, Hon. T. C. Walker, Dr. W. T. Johnson.

Dr. J. Milton Waldron, Washington; Miss Carrie V. Dyer, Hartshorn College, Richmond; Miss L. V. Crawford, Richmond; Mr. Joseph Walker, Fredericksburg, were introduced to the body. The afternoon session was devoted to R. Y. P. U. work. R. E. Clay spoke.

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The Baraca Bible Class wishes to thank all who aided in making their excursion such a success.

The Committee.

COLORED MARRIAGE

Horace Allen and Martha Harris, both of Widewater, were married by Rev. Cornelius Lucas at his residence in this city Wednesday at 3 P. M.

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